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SUBJECT: CENTER UNION LEADER GEORGE MAVROS' POSITION
TOWARDS PAPADOPOULOS

FOR AMBASSADOR TASCA

REF: ATHENS 6711 AND 6747

1. WE HAVE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO YOUR PROPOSAL
THAT WE SEEK DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY THROUGH OUR NATO
PARTNERS TO PERSUADE MAVROS TO MODIFY HIS STAND AGAINST
PARTICIPATING IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS ORGANIZED BY
PRESIDENT PAPADOPOULOS FOR RETURNING CONSTITUTIONAL
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GOVERNMENT TO GREECE.

2. IT IS OUR JUDGMENT THAT DESPITE MAVROS' POSITION,
SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF FORMER DEPUTIES AND YOUNGER

ASPIRANTS WILL ENGAGE SEEING PAPADOPOULOS' APPROACH
AS THE BEST AVENUE FOR THEM AND GREECE AT THIS JUNCTURE.

3. WE CONCLUDE FROM THIS THAT THE DISADVANTAGES OF
INVOLVING THE US IN GREECE'S INTERNAL DYNAMICS BY
SEEKING TO INFLUENCE MAVROS AND POSSIBLY OTHERS OF
GREECE'S FORMER POLITICAL LEADERSHIP, OUTWEIGH
POSSIBLE ADVANTAGES.

4. IN OUR VIEW SUCH EFFORTS INEVITABLY WOULD BECOME
KNOWN AND WOULD NOT ONLY ENMESH US IN INTERNAL GREEK
PROCESSES BUT ALSO TAG US FOR BETTER OR WORSE WITH WHAT-
EVER DEVELOPS. IT WOULD ALSO INEVITABLY RAISE QUESTIONS
IN THE CONGRESS AS TO OUR PROFESSED POLICY OF NON-
INTERFERENCE IN GREECE'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. PORTER

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